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§9.5–401.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Child” means an individual under the age of 16 years.
- (c) (1) “Child care center” means an agency, institution, or establishment that, for part or all of a day, or on a 24-hour basis on a regular schedule, and at least twice a week, offers or provides child care to children who do not have the same parentage except as otherwise provided for in law or regulation.

(2) “Child care center” shall include a nonpublic nursery school in which an instructional program is offered or provided for children who are under the age of 5 years.

(3) “Child care center” does not include:
 - (i) A nonpublic kindergarten in which an instructional program is offered or provided for children who are at least 5 years old;
 - (ii) A nonpublic elementary school in which an instructional program is offered or provided for children who are in grades 1 through 8;
 - (iii) A child care home, a child care institution, or other child care facility that offers or provides a residential placement for a child and is established, licensed, or registered under this title, Title 9 of the Human Services Article, or Title 10 of the Health – General Article; or
 - (iv) A family child care home or large family child care home that is required to be registered or is registered under this title.
- (d) “Letter of compliance” means a letter issued by the Department to a religious organization that meets the requirements under § 9.5–404 of this subtitle.

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